

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M. VIA GOOGLE MEET.**

MAYOR: Louie A. Trujillo

COUNCILORS: David G. Romero
Elaine Rodriguez
Michael L. Montoya
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: William Taylor, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Scott Aaron, City Attorney
Adrian Crespin, Chief of Police

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trujillo called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed Honorable Senators and Representatives.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Each Senator and Representative introduced themselves along with each of the Councilors, City Manager and NMDOT Chairman Walter Adams.

Major Trujillo introduced City staff who were on the Google meet.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Trujillo denounced the terrorist attack on the Capitol and anyone's participation in the attack and the violence that took place.

Mayor Trujillo spoke about the impeachment of President Donald Trump and the passing of Robert Quintana who was a benefactor to the community and called for a moment of silence.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discuss City of Las Vegas' priority capital needs with area legislators.

Mayor Trujillo gave a brief discussion regarding the list for top priority projects.

Representative Montoya advised the list provided by the City of Las Vegas was the most comprehensive and detailed list he had seen and stated that the projects must be shovel ready.

Senator Stefanics recommended funds that are awarded must be spent for that project as soon as possible and the smaller the projects are, the easier it is to get funding for them.

Representative Castellano advised the youth need to stay active and we need to be there for the seniors.

Councilor Romero suggested getting NMDOT Chairman Walter Adams point of view for the funding for road projects.

NMDOT Chairman Adams advised they require projects being shovel ready in order to get the funding immediately.

Councilor Montoya thanked NMDOT Chairman Adams for all his efforts in helping the City of Las Vegas with projects.

NMDOT Chairman Adams thanked all the Legislators for the work they do.

Representative Montoya wanted an update on the potential of creating a treatment facility in San Miguel County.

Mayor Trujillo advised being in touch with One Hundred Percent Community and there is still hope but they did not get the federal grant they were hoping for.

Representative Castellano advised they are looking for a building in Las Vegas where they can house the treatment facility because it would help and benefit the people in the community.

Mayor Trujillo spoke about the different vacant buildings in Las Vegas.

Senator Stefanics spoke about looking out for the transportation bill and how the maintenance snow removal dump truck could qualify under that bill.

Councilor Romero thanked Senator Stefanics and spoke about getting equipment for the City to maintain the roads and if she knew about any funding from the Governor.

Senator Stefanics recommended if they can show a project that would benefit the economic development in the region then that would be something the City of Las Vegas could request from the Governor.

Mayor Trujillo advised they wanted to take the Rodriguez Sports Complex to the Governor because it could be a huge economic development for Northeastern New Mexico.

Senator Stefanics stated she could help set up a meeting with the Governor but the City would need to be ready to pitch the projects that are related to economic development.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Senator Stefanics for attending the meeting.

Councilor Montoya recommended the Rodriguez Sports Complex be their economic development project.

Councilor Montoya made a motion for the Rodriguez Sports Complex to be their economic development project for the City of Las Vegas. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Trujillo advised the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

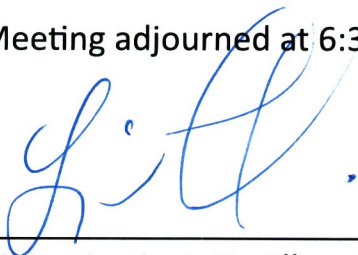
There was no need for executive session

ADJOURN

Councilor Montoya made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. All were in favor.


City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk